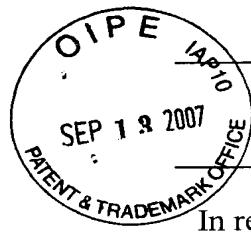


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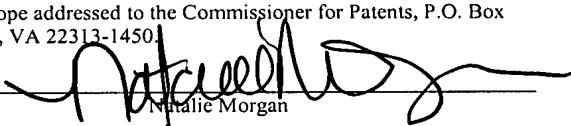
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SPECIFICATION:

1. Column 29, line 46, change "bf nozzles" to --of nozzles--. This appears correctly in the patent application as filed on September 8, 2003, on page 56, line 16.

CLAIMS:

1. In line 14 of claim 3 (column 33, line 28) change "dot-timing" to --dot-forming--. This appears correctly in Amendment A as filed on August 14, 2006 on page 3, paragraph 2, line 5.

2. In line 6 of claim 5 (column 34, line 20) change "bead" to --head--. This appears correctly in Amendment A as filed on August 14, 2006 on page 4, paragraph 4, line 4.

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C4. Modification 4

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In the first embodiment, the upstream slot 26f was disposed opposite some of the upstream nozzles Nf (see Fig. 20), which included the most upstream nozzles of the print head 28. The downstream slot 26r was disposed opposite some of the downstream nozzles Nr (see Fig. 6), which included the most downstream nozzles Nz of the print head 28. The relation between the nozzles and slots is not limited by this arrangement, however. It is possible, for example, to place a group of nozzles further upstream of the upstream slot 26f and to place an upstream platen support opposite this group of nozzles. Adopting this arrangement makes it less likely that the front edge (upper edge) of a print medium arriving from the upstream side will fall down into the upstream slot. Similarly, a group of nozzles can be provided further downstream of the downstream slot 26r, and a downstream platen support can be placed opposite this group of nozzles.

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Fig. 23 is a plan view depicting the relation between the printing paper P and a slot 26m during the printing of images along the upper edge Pf of the printing paper P with a modified printing device. The first embodiment was described with reference to a case in which the platen slots consisted of an upstream slot 26f and a downstream slot 26r, the images in the front-edge portion of the printing paper P were printed with the nozzles Nr disposed opposite the downstream slot 26r, and the images in the rear-edge portion of the printing paper P were printed with the nozzles Nf disposed opposite the upstream slot 26f. However, the platen slots are not limited by this configuration, and embodiments in which the platen is provided with a single slot are also acceptable. In such embodiments, the images in the lower- and front-edge portions of the printing paper P are printed with nozzles Nm that are disposed opposite the single slot 26m provided to the platen. Such

3. (currently amended) A dot-recording control device for generating print data to be sent to a dot-recording unit for recording dots on a surface of a print medium with the aid of a dot-recording head provided with a plurality of dot-forming elements for ejecting ink droplets, wherein

the dot-recording unit is configured to drive the dot-recording head and/or the print medium to perform main scanning, to drive at least some of the dot-forming elements to form dots, and to cause the print medium to perform sub-scanning by being driven across the main scanning direction in between the main scans, and comprises a platen configured to extend in the main scanning direction and to be disposed opposite the dot-forming elements at least along part of a main scan path, and having a slot configured to extend in the main scanning direction, a width of the slot in the sub-scanning direction corresponding to a specific sub-scanning range on a surface of the dot recording head including at least part of the plurality of dot-forming elements, the dot-recording control device comprises:

an image data generator configured to generate image data for the images recorded on the print medium;

an area size memory configured to store information about an expanded area in accordance with a type of print medium to be used in the dot recording, the expanded area extending lengthwise beyond front and rear edges of the print medium including an external edge portion disposed in an area beyond the front or rear edge of the print medium, and representing a recording area in which images are to be recorded on the print medium;

an input unit by which information about a selected type of print medium is entered; and

a print data generator configured to generate the print data representing images in the expanded area on the basis of information about the selected type of print medium, information about the expanded area, and the image data;

the dot-recording control device further comprising:

a user interface unit configured to display a selection screen that allows [[a]] an user to select one of a plurality of preinstalled print modes on a display, and that allows the selection be entered; wherein the area size memory comprises,

an expanded area memory containing, for each print mode, a number of raster lines constituting the expanded area; and wherein

the print data generator generates the print data including a data of dots of raster lines in the external edge portion for recording dots with which images can be formed in the expanded area on the basis of the selected print mode and the external edge portion, the number of raster lines stored in the expanded area memory, and the image data for the images to be recorded on the print medium.

4. (original) A dot-recording control device as defined in Claim 3, wherein the plurality of available print modes include print modes with mutually different sub-scan resolutions, the sub-scan resolution representing a recording density of raster lines in the sub-scanning direction; and

the print data generator comprises a raster line number setter setting a number of raster lines constituting the expanded area and the number of raster lines constituting the external edge portion included in the expanded area in accordance with the selected print mode and the number of raster lines stored in the expanded area memory.

5. (currently amended) A dot-recording device for recording ink dots on a surface of a print medium with the aid of a dot-recording head provided with a plurality of dot-forming elements for ejecting ink droplets, the dot-recording device comprising:

a main scanning unit configured to drive the dot-recording head and/or the print medium to perform main scanning;

a head driver configured to drive at least some of the dot-forming elements to form dots during the main scanning;

a platen configured to extend in the main scanning direction and to be disposed opposite the dot-forming elements at least along part of a main scan path;

a sub-scanning unit configured to move the print medium to perform sub-scanning in between the main scans; and

a controller configured to control the dot-recording device, wherein the platen has a slot configured to extend in the main scanning direction, a width of the slot in the sub-scanning direction corresponding to a specific sub-scanning range on a surface of the dot recording head including at least part of the plurality of dot-forming elements; and

the controller comprises:

a print data memory configured to store a print data for recording images in an expanded area that extends lengthwise beyond front and rear edges of the print medium including an external edge portion disposed in an area beyond the front or rear edge of the print

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In the Specification:

Column 29, line 46, change "bf nozzles" to --of nozzles--.

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